

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3493

February 8, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the Comptroller of the Treasury to study the effect of court fees on access to the justice system. The Comptroller will report findings and recommendations to the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives by January 1, 2012.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$100,000/One-Time

Assumption:

- According to the Comptroller of the Treasury, a contracted consultant would be necessary to conduct a Tennessee household survey to determine if fee increases have prevented persons from filing rightful suits.
- According to the Comptroller, a similar survey conducted by the University of Tennessee through contract with the Comptroller's office resulted in one-time costs of \$100,000.
- The Comptroller's office would competitively bid the contract for the survey services.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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